

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20505

National Intelligence Officers

7 April 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: Sayre Stevens, Deputy Director  
National Foreign Assessment Center

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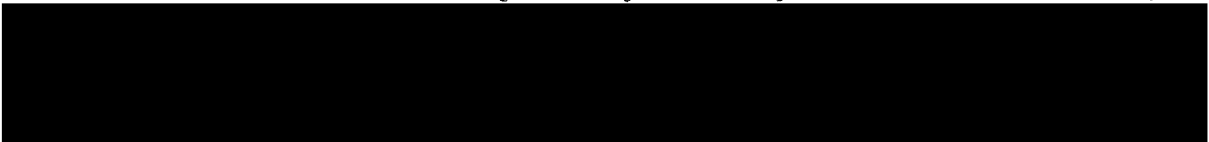
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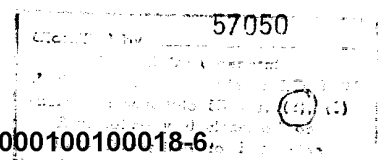
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Remarks:

I have shown this to the DDCI and he agrees that you should go ahead with the memorandum, rewritten as you have indicated. How did your "low-key approach" go with Holbrooke?

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